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CPOC Supports Compromise Reached by Governor Brown and Legislative Leadership to Address Prison Population Reduction

Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) is pleased to support the Governor and all four of the legislative leaders in their announcement today regarding the compromise pending before the legislature to address the federal court order to reduce the prison population.

The plan contains both the important needed short term capacity to avoid early releases and stabilizes a proven rehabilitation program contained in SB 678 targeted at felony probationers. Properly resourced and supported, probation can continue to make a difference in the amount of people sent to state prison in a way that protects our communities.

This compromise also recognizes the significant reform that is currently being implemented at the local level, realignment. Counties have been under severe strain at every level and must have time to implement this historic change in our criminal justice system, prior to making further changes to an overburdened system. Many of the efforts under way with realignment can also have positive impacts on our state prison population.

"Today's compromise will serve to protect our communities from early releases precipitated by a federal court order and paves the way for further reforms to be developed on a thoughtful timeline with the stakeholders charged with the implementation of such reforms. We thank all of our leaders today for developing this important compromise." Mack Jenkins, CPOC President and San Diego Chief Probation Officer.

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